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Sent via email to: (b) (6) @aol.com

Mr. Robert Hammond

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Dear Mr. Hammond:

This is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)/Privacy Act (PA) request dated December 23, 2017. Your request was received in our office on the same day and was assigned the case number DON-NAVY-2018-002615.

Although the FOIA/PA stipulates a response to your request in 20 days, in "unusual circumstances" an agency can extend the twenty-day time for processing a FOIA/PA request if it informs the requester of why it needs the extension and of when it will make a determination on the request. The FOIA/PA defines unusual circumstances as (1) the need to search for and collect records from separate offices; (2) the need to examine a voluminous amount of records required by the request; (3) the need to consult with another agency or agency component and rely upon them to locate and review the records.

In this instance, we must search for and collect records from other Navy components, examine a voluminous amount of records, and coordinate and consult with another Navy components. We are availing ourselves of the 10 working days extension of response time provided in the Department of the Navy FOIA/PA regulations (32 CFR §701.8(g)(2)).

If you are not satisfied with this action, under 32 CFR §701.12(a), you may appeal the extension of the statutory twenty days for processing your request by writing to:

Office of the Judge Advocate General  
1322 Patterson Ave SE Ste 3000  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066

Your appeal must be postmarked within ninety calendar days from the date of this letter. A copy of your initial request and

this letter must accompany the appeal. The appeal should be marked "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL" both on the envelope and the face of the letter.

In order to expedite the appellate process and ensure full consideration of your appeal, your appeal should contain a brief statement of the reasons you believe this initial decision to be in error.

For this determination, you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from either the DoD Navy Component FOIA Public Liaison, Mr. Chris Julka, at: [Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil](mailto:Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil), via phone: (703) 697-0031; or by contacting the Office of Government Information Services at: (<https://ogis.archives.gov/>), (202) 741-5770, [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov).

Questions regarding the action this office has taken to process your request may be directed to our FOIA Service Center at (202) 685-0412 or via email at [donfoia-pa@navy.mil](mailto:donfoia-pa@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Strong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

R. Strong  
Deputy Director  
DON FOIA/PA Program Office